**Joint venture with a freneh Company for Manufacturing of Micro-wave equipment**

2520. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Fresh Telecom, company has offered for a joint venture in the country for manufacturing of the variety of micro-wave equipments;

(b) if so, whether any deal has been struck with the French Co., in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the financial implications

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Government has not received any offer from any French company for a joint venture for manufacture of Microwave equipment.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Opening of new post offices in the villages of Bihar and Gujarat**

2521. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAK YADAV 'RAVI';
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNCATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes introduced by the Government for opening new post offices in the villages of Bihar and Gujarat;

(b) what are the targets fixed for opening new post offices during the next three years in these States: and

(c) what percentage of population will be benefited by these new post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) New post offices (departmental and extra departmental) are opened in the villages under Annual Plan schemes duly approved by Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) At pesent, a post office serves an average population of 7382 and 4651 in Bihar and Gujarat respectively. During Annual Plan 1993-94 a target for opening 90 post offices in Bihar and 20 post offices in Gujarat has been fixed. No targets for 1994-95 and 1995-96 have been fixed so far.

**Waiting list of Telephones in Gujarat and Bihar**

2522. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI':
SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR-

Will the Minister of COMMUNCATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of waiting lists of telephones in Ahmedabad, Baroda, surat, Rajkot, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar in Gujarat State and also big cities of Bihar during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what is the latest position of waiting list as on the 31st May, 1993 in these States; and

(c) by when these waiting lists will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The details of waiting lists of telephones in Gujarat and Bihar State are given below:

| Gujarat State | 1-4-91 | 1-4-92 | 1-4-93 | 31-5-93 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 29761 | 38623 | 44683 | 48617 |
| Baroda | 25938 | 28284 | 35629 | 37573 |
| Surat | 41462 | 41506 | 42511 | 45267 |
| Rajkot | 5883 | 6845 | 9384 | 9849 |
| Jamnagar | 1481 | 992 | 1873 | 2063 |
| Bhavnagar | 4637 | 6392 | 8183 | 8603 |

The waiting list as on 31-5-93 for the State is 2.299 lakhs

| Bihar | As on 1-4-91 | As on 1-4-92 | As on 1-4-93 | As on 31-5-93 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dhanbad | 622 | 937 | 1625 | 1630 |
| Jharia | | | | |
| Jamshedpur | 2313 | 2385 | 6604 | 6604 |
| Ranchi | 2680 | 1951 | 2589 | 3109 |
| Patna | 6011 | 3264 | 8854 | 8903 |

The waiting list as on 31-5-93 for the State is 47520

(c) As per 8th Plan objective, the waiting period for telephone connections is to be reduced to two years in large telephone systems and telephone practical on demand in rurall Tribal areas by the end of 8th Plan period (92-97). The expansion of exchanffte is being planned to meet the abcrre objective accordingly.

**गुजरात में कार्यरत एस.टी.डी./आई.एस.टी.डी. और सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन**

2523. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गजरात में कार्यरत एस०टी० डी०/आई० एस० टी० डी० और सार्वजनिक टेलीफोनों की संख्या कितनी हैं;